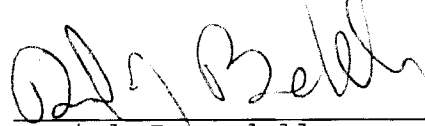


REMARKS

In response to the examiner's comments, claims 31-40 are formally canceled.

Since the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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